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SUBJECT: OVERVIEW MECHANISM: ACTION IN SECOND COMMITTEE AND
PLENARY; FIRST INDICATIONS OF FOLLOW UP

REF: (A) STATE 298608; (B) USUN 5596; (C) USUN 5602

1. SUMMARY: SECOND COMMITTEE ADOPTED TEXT CONTAINED REF C
ON DECEMBER 15 WITHOUT A VOTE. U.S., EC, AND SEVERAL OTHER
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DELEGATIONS MADE EXPLANATIONS. TEXT PASSED PLENARY ON DECEMBER
19. G-77 IS ON RECORD FAVORING FIRST MEETING OF
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (TO ESTABLISH AGENDA AND WORKING ARR-
ANGEMENTS) "LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY" BUT IS PREPARED TO
ACCEPT MIDFEBRUARY (I.E. WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13) BUT NO LATER.
END SUMMARY.

2. SECOND COMMITTEE PASSED TEXT ON OVERVIEW (CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT A/C.2/32/L.101 AND TRANSMITTED REF C) ON DECEMBER 15 BY CONSENSUS. U.S. AND G-77 FORMALLY WITHDREW DRAFT PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN DOCUMENTS L.72 AND L.44, RESPECTIVELY. TEXT OF SUMMARY RECORD BEING POUNDED POOLE, IO/IEP.

3. AT CHAIRMAN'S REQUEST, VICE-CHAIRMAN OLIVERI-LOPEZ, WHO PRESIDED OVER OFFICIAL SECOND COMMITTEE NEGOTIATING GROUP ON TEXT, INTRODUCED THE NEW TEXT AS THE ONLY SPEAKER PRIOR TO DECISION. HE PRAISED THE COMPROMISE TEXT AS "AN EXEMPLARY CASE OF INTERCHANGE BETWEEN DIFFERENT SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT REPRESENTED IN THE COMMITTEE," CALLED OVERVIEW QUESTION "THE MAJOR ISSUE BEFORE THE COMMITTEE," AND HOPED RESOLUTION WOULD "PROVE TO HAVE BEEN A TURNING POINT IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A MORE JUST AND EQUITABLE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER." COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC PARAGRAPHS WERE GENERALLY CONFINED TO REPEATING LANGUAGE OF NEW TEXT. THE FOLLOWING POINTS MAY BE NOTED:

A) OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH ONE-OLIVERI REFERRED TO NEGOTIATIONS "WITHIN THE BROAD FRAMEWORK OF THE UN SYSTEM" AND STATED THAT "IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH ONE IS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AS CONTAINED IN THE RELEVANT LEGISLATIVE MANDATES OF THE THREE ORGANS CONCERNED."

B) OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH THREE. FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF FACILITATING THE PARTICIPATION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SWITZERLAND, THE FOLLOWING FOOTNOTE WOULD BE ADDED: "IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WILL BE OPEN TO ALL STATES, THIS TERM BEING INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ESTABLISHED PRACTICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.". HE NOTED THAT THE LEGAL OFFICE HAD RULED THAT FOOTNOTE "WOULD HAVE THE DESIRED EFFECT WITHOUT LEADING TO ANY OTHER CONSEQUENCES."

C) OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH FOUR. OLIVERI READ THE FOUR SUB-PARAGRAPHS ON THE MANDATE WITH A BRIEF IMPROMPTU COMMENT, ON WHICH HE HAD NO NOTES AND TO WHICH NO REFERENCE WAS MADE IN THE SUMMARY RECORD.

D) HE NOTED THAT OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH THEN REFLECTED THE INTENTION TO MAINTAIN THE FUNCTIONS OF ECOSOC AS THEY WERE.

4. THE STATEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WAS AS FOLLOWS: "THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES ARE HAPPY TO JOIN IN A CONSENSUS ON THIS SIGNIFICANT RESOLUTION. THIS CONSENSUS HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY THE SPIRIT OF CONCILIATION, TO WHICH WE PAY TRIBUTE. IT REFLECTS A CAREFUL BALANCE ON A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS AND ISSUES, ON

WHICH THE POSITIONS OF MEMBER STATES INDIVIDUALLY ARE WELL KNOWN AND HAVE BEEN CLEARLY RECORDED. THESE RESPECTIVE POSITIONS ARE MAINTAINED.

"WE LOOK FORWARD TO TAKING PART CONSTRUCTIVELY IN THE FRAMEWORK ESTABLISHED BY THIS RESOLUTION, WHICH ALSO DRAWS ATTENTION TO THE POSITIVE ROLE WHICH ECOSOC SHOULD PLAY. WE ARE IN A NEW PHASE IN THE WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. "

5. ALTHOUGH NETHERLANDS HAD PARTICIPATED IN DRAFTING OF EC TEXT, DELEGATION ALSO MADE AN INDIVIDUAL STATEMENT, UNCLEARED WITH EC PARTNERS, WHICH TOOK A NOTABLY DIFFERENT LINE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AT TIMES IN CONFLICT WITH SOME EC AND U.S. UNDERSTANDINGS. DESPITE DROPPING OF PARAGRAPH 12 FROM G-77 DRAFT, NETHERLANDS SUBMITTED OWN VIEW OF SUBJECTS FOR ATTENTION OF OVERVIEW BODY, INCLUDING COMMODITIES AND COMMON FUND; DEBT; IMPLEMENTATION OF CIEC; MTN "AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR STRUCTURAL CHANGE"; INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT, AGRICULTURE, AND ENERGY. NETHERLANDS SPECIFICALLY CALLED FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO SET TIME FRAMES FOR OTHER NEGOTIATIONS.

6. GDR, SPEAKING FOR EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES, MADE BRIEF REMARKS, CENTERING ON EXPRESSION OF "DOUBTS" AS TO ORGANIZATIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS PROVIDED FOR IN RESOLUTION AND NOTING THAT NOTHING IN RESOLUTION SHOULD DIMINISH AUTHORITY OF ECOSOC.

7. GREECE MADE BRIEF STATEMENT, LAMENTING ABSENCE OF LANGUAGE ON PROBLEM OF "CLOSED LINGERING CONFERENCES." TURKEY STRESSED OPEN-ENDED "DEMOCRATIC" NATURE OF OVERVIEW MECHANISM.

8. JAPANESE DELEGATE MADE BRIEF POSITIVE STATEMENT, EXPRESSING NO RESERVATIONS BUT LOOKING FORWARD TO "CLARIFICATION" ON WORK METHODS.

9. AUSTRALIANS NOTED THAT OVERVIEW "SHOULD NOT BE A SECOND TIER" FOR NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS IN OTHER ORGANS, THE AUTONOMY AND MANDATE OF WHICH SHOULD CONTINUE. TIMEFRAMES HAD TO BE REALISTIC AND AGREED TO BY PARTIES IN NEGOTIATIONS.

10. CHINESE MADE GENERALLY POSITIVE STATEMENT, ALBEIT WITH REFERENCE TO "SABOTAGE OF THE SUPERPOWERS."

11. U.S. DELEGATE, SPEAKING IN SECOND POSITION AFTER ADOPTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ION OF RESOLUTION, MADE REMARKS ON LINES REF A. TEXT DATA-
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12. IN CLOSING REMARKS OF DEBATE, G-77 SPOKESMAN (HALL)
NOTED MONITORING REFERRED TO IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS
REACHED IN NEGOTIATIONS, NOT TO RELATED ACTIVITIES IN INDIVIDUAL
COUNTRIES. HE NOTED THAT G-77 INTERPRETED OPERATIVE
PARAGRAPH ONE STRICTLY (I.E., THAT ALL NEGOTIATIONS OF A
GLOBAL NATURE ON NIEO SHOULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN UN SYSTEM.

HE NOTED THAT, FOR THE 77, THE SENSE OF URGENCY AND TIME-
FRAMES MENTIONED IN TEXT RELATED TO 1980 SPECIAL SESSION.
HE THEN READ OFF LIST OF PRIORITY AREAS FOR THE OVERVIEW
BODY, IN EFFECT REPEATING WITH LESS DETAIL THE ITEMS LISTED
IN PARAGRAPH TWELVE OF G-77 DRAFT (L.44). HE CALLED FOR
FIRST SESSION OF OVERVIEW TO TAKE PLACE IN LATE JANUARY OR
EARLY FEBRUARY AND, SINCE THIS NOT NOTED IN REPORT, REPEATED
CALL IN STATEMENT IN PLENARY, WHICH PASSED RESOLUTION ON DECEMBER
19.

13. SINCE SECRETARIAT DOGGEDLY KEPT GIVING TITLE OF ITEM
(IMPLEMENTATION OF IDS, NIEO, CERDS, SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION)
AS THAT OF RESOLUTUION, U.S. DELEGATION, SUPPORTED BY UK,
HAD TO OBTAIN CLARIFICATION ON THIS POINT (I.E. ABSENCE OF
TITLE) IN PLENARY AND RECEIVED IT FROM ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT.

14. FOLLOW-UP. PRIOR TO CLOSURE OF GA, MISSION DISCUSSED
NEXT STEPS WITH THREE LEADING G-77 PARTICIPANTS. MADEY OF
YUGOSLAVIA ASKED THAT WE COMMUNICATE OUR IDEAS ON WORKING
ARRANGEMENTS TO HIM IN BELGRADE, THROUGH LOMBARDI. HALL OF
JAMAICA, WHEN QUESTIONED AS TO MEANING OF HIS REMARKS, REPEATED
IN PLENARY, THAT FIRST MEETING OF OVERVIEW SHOULD TAKE PLACE
"LATE IN JANUARY OR EARLY IN FEBRUARY," NOTED THAT 77 WOULD
NOT OBJECT TO MEETING DURING WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13; LATER WOULD
BE IMPOSSIBLE, HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF PLENIPOTENTIARY MEETING ON
UNIDO AS A SPECIALIZED AGENCY. HALL NOTED INITIAL ONE-WEEK
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SESSION WOULD BE DEVOTED TO WORKING ARRANGEMENTS AND AGENDA.

15. MISOFF DISCUSSED SUBSTANCE OF OVERVIEW AT SOME LENGTH
WITH AKRAM OF PAKISTAN. HE NOTED IMPORTANCE OF GETTING
OVERVIEW STARTED ON GOOD FOOTING AND, HENCE, NEED TO AVOID
CONTENTIOUS ISSUES FOR INITIAL SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION. IN
HIS VIEW, "PROBLEMS OF POOREST COUNTRIES" MIGHT BE A THEME

WHICH WAS NOT IN ITSELF CONTENTIOUS (LIKE COMMON FUND OR DEBT)
AND ON WHICH REAL PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSION COULD BE HELD. WHILE
NOT COMMENTING ON SPECIFIC PROPOSAL, MISOFF AGREED WITH
AKRAM'S VIEW ON NEED FOR A GOOD BEGINNING. AKRAM NOTED HE
WOULD REMAIN IN NEW YORK UNTIL JUST PRIOR TO HOLIDAYS IN EFF-
ORT TO "ORGANIZE HIS THINKING" BEFORE RETURNING TO
ISLAMABAD. MISSION WILL REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH PAKISTANIS ON
THIS. AKRAM, ALSO RESTATED SYMPATHY FOR IDEA OF SMALL, LIMITED
GROUP WITHIN OVERVIEW.
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